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Veteran Outfielder Makes Way for Youngster in Garden.

GERMANY SCHAEFER DISCUSSES SALARY

No Confirmation of Deal Involving Backstop John Henry.

By "SENATOR."

Doc Gessler, the veteran outfielder of the Nationals, was today sold to Kansas City, in the American Association, and will report to that club at the beginning of the training season. Gessler came to Washington three years ago in exchange for Charlie Smith and a sum of money. Gessler had been a slugger with the Boston Red Sox, but immediately took a slump when he joined the Nationals. He never recovered from that slump, and, in addition, took on so much weight that he rapidly slowed up and was of little real value to the team. Gessler is a veteran, having been with Brooklyn and Chicago in the National League, and Boston and Washington in the American League. He was a star college player at Washington and Jefferson and Baltimore Medical, and made good in the majors from the jump. He was captain of the Boston Americans until he went on a rampage with "Tubby" Spencer, the backstop. That made John L. Taylor look around for a trade.

Joe Cantillon was then manager of the Nationals, and was very sweet on Gessler. He immediately agreed to give Charlie Smith and a bonus for the slugger, but the outfielder failed to come through with the class necessary. Manager Griffith is building up the team here with youngsters, and on this account was willing to take a good offer for a veteran.

Hold Conference. Herrman Schaefer and Clark Griffith held a conference in Chicago today at which, it is believed, an agreement was reached between player and manager concerning the contract under which the former will play with the Washington ball club during the coming season. This information was received through dispatches from Chicago where the manager is representing Washington at the American League meeting.

For weeks Schaefer has been in correspondence with Griffith on the salary question and an understanding is believed to have been practically reached and all that now remains to be done is to have Schaefer place his name on the official papers.

Trade Is Uncertain. No confirmation is obtainable here of the report from Chicago that Manager Griffith is endeavoring to trade John Henry to the St. Louis Browns for "Lefty" George.

Among those who are closest to Griffith there is a feeling that the whole report developed in the fertile mind of some scribe for the leader of the Nationals has said right along that he is most anxious to maintain intact the catching staff which is so highly rated in the American League.

Henry is generally considered one of the most promising young backstops who has broken into major league baseball in several years, while George can hardly be placed in the same class among the pitchers. It is known that Griffith would like to add another left-hander to his corps of pitchers, but that George is the man he wants and he is willing to pass up Henry in the exchange is hardly taken seriously here.

Expected Back Tomorrow. Griffith is due back in Washington tomorrow, when he will go to headquarters to wade into a large stack of letters that has gathered since he left here on Sunday.

So well is the agreement between the American and National Leagues now working that the new schedules will show but five conflicts in cities in which both leagues are represented. All of these will come in Chicago.

The schedule of the National League has just been issued and from these dates some idea may be formed of how the American Leagues will fit with their rivals in the matter of especially attractive dates. The Chicago Cubs, apparently, have all the best of it in this matter, as they will be at home fifteen times on Sunday, and a dozen times on Saturday, in addition to Memorial Day with the Cincinnati Reds at the West Side park.

Hub Hart, the former Georgetown athlete, will leave his home in the latter part of the week for Sacramento, Cal., where he will play ball during the coming season. Last year Hart had a most successful campaign, hitting .315, which was the highest mark made by any of the catchers in that league.

Ingrams Take Game by Forfeit From Corcorans

Corcoran Cadets forfeited their basketball game to Ingrams' quint, the former failing to put in appearance. A rumor is current that the Corcorans intend to withdraw from Capital City League to play independent ball.

Tomorrow's Sports

University of New York vs. Georgetown, basketball, at Arcade, 9 p. m.

Ingram girls at Bristol School for Girls, basketball.

International indoor skating championships begin at Boston.

Annual tournament of the Western Bowling Congress begins at Los Angeles.

Interstate basketball tournament opens at the University of Omaha.

Schedule meeting of Eastern League, at Providence, R. I.

Charlie Murphy Hasn't Promised Yet, But He May If Ban B. Speaks

Though "Twenty-five Cent" Charlie Murphy has read that Charlie Ebbetts means to have rocking chairs, potted plants, and Persian rugs in his new park and has gnashed his teeth in rage and chagrin, it is not true that the Windy City's windy magnate has promised Turkish baths, string orchestra, Salome dancers, grand opera singers, original poetical readers, etc., etc., with his new park. "Twenty-five Cent" Charlie promises much with his new park, but he has not gone this far, though he may if Ban B. laughs at the proposition.

HARRY DAVIS SAYS MANY PLAYERS ARE TOUTED TOO HIGHLY

He Pays Little Attention to Colored Stories of Rookies.

Manager Harry Davis, who blew into his old ballfield, Toledo, to talk over a few matters with Topsy Hartel, also a fellow-employee of President "Charlie" Somers, is a pretty wise old party. There may have been class to that oracle that did business at Delphi in the days when Helen of Troy led the female fads, but there are none of the modern Solomons who have a thing on the Napland gazook.

In the course of his conversation the name of a pitcher who was highly touted came up, and Harry said: "Tell me he's a good man; he has a lot of fellows touting him pretty strongly. Perhaps a little too strongly. Never cared much for that sort of stuff."

"Say," he came back, "how many great pitchers did you ever hear of whom came into the big show touted like a girl? How about the Philles? Did you hear anybody coming through with all kinds of boasts for Alexander before he showed? Well, he's only a case. Look 'em over. Did anybody ever use a brass band to boost Matty into the big show? Look at Plank, look at Bender, look at Coombs, take Walter Johnson, Eddie Walsh, all of those fellows—did anybody ever touting them to explode to call attention to them? Not on your life. You look over the fellows that have come touted, and you'll find that they're all in the same class."

"Take Rube Marquard. He came into the big league with a brass band and a price tag that made him look like a millionaire. See what happened to him. Take Lefty Russell. There's O'Toole. They paid more money for him than they did for a team in the old days, and the first crack out of the box a sore arm shows up. "Six for nine on the box who counted too highly. I want the guy that when they tell me he's there I can look at him and see that he is there, and doesn't have a million boosters all crabbing him with the jinx. I'm strong on believing that the guy with the big medals on a neck double-crossed by fortune. It's happened so often that I know how we ball players feel about a thing like that."

DIAMOND DOPE.

Beaumont, Tex., has taken over the Galveston franchise in the Texas League Circuit.

"Smiling" Al Orth, the former Highlander, has signed to coach the Washington and Lee University baseball squad.

President Al Tarnsey, of the Three-L League, and family are planning to make the spring trip with the White Sox.

"Peache" Graham, of the Philles, loves cold weather—he loves to read about it while spending the winter months in Florida.

Bob Unger and Freddy Parent, two old Boston players, will once more play on the same team, both being looked for by Baltimore.

Jules Fournier, the Canadian slugger, has changed his Sox, having been released by the Boston Red Sox to the Chicago White Sox.

John J. Halpin, Chicago's new chief of Detectives, was formerly a baseball player and captained the Calumet (Mich.) championship team of 1891.

With Jim McGuire, Bobby Lowe, and Joe Sugden, scout duty the Detroit Tigers will no doubt grab their share of promising youngsters next season.

Everett Boone, R. F. Hunter of Fenix, has signed with the Pittsburgh Pirates. Boone played with the Petersburg Virginia League team last season, and did considerable heavy lifting.

Here's a fine hole of tripe. After signing up thirty-six players, Darby O'Brien, of Duluth, finds out that Darby is not a member of any baseball organization, having recently quit the Minnesota-Wisconsin League.

Ten of the sixteen major league managers have seen service with either the Chicago or New York National League teams. "Shave," Griffith, King, Callahan, and Wolverton represent Chicago, and McGraw, Bresnahan, Davis, and O'Day, New York, with Bill Dahlen a former member of both teams.

It is only a question of time when a big league will either have to go back to the barrow or open a bank. The South Atlantic League will not allow any ex-big leaguers in their organization, and now the New York State League threatens to limit each club to use but six players who have performed in high society.

Weaver to Captain Twining A. C. Nine

TOLEDO, Ohio, Feb. 13.—Twining Athletic Club has elected W. Weaver, captain of its baseball team for 1912. The Twining team will average sixteen years of age, and will start with teams of the same age. Address W. Weaver, 123 First street northwest.

Will Be Seen At Big Georgetown Meet



JOHN PAUL JONES, World's Champion Miler, Who Will Compete At Hilltoppers' Indoor Games Here on March 2.

BILL CARRIGAN QUILTS RELAY FOUR

Georgetown Track Captain Finds Quarter Too Long for Him and Will Stick to Shorter Distance—Campazzi or Mulligan May Replace Him.

When the Georgetown relay team toes the mark in Baltimore next Saturday night for their race against the Richmond College team, Captain Bill Carrigan will not be one of the four, as the Blue and Gray leader will be replaced by either Campazzi or Mulligan, with chances favoring the former. In Boston last Saturday in the B. A. A. games, against the Holy Cross relay team, Carrigan showed that the quarter-mile distance was too long for him, as he tired perceptibly in the latter part of his run, and as a result, the Los Angeles boy will confine his efforts to the dashes hereafter.

Campazzi and Mulligan have both had experience in relay racing. Campazzi having performed on metropolitan tracks as a member of the Fordham Preparatory School four, while Mulligan wore the silks of the Blue and Gray university in its race with Virginia two years ago. At the recent trials held in the Arcade, these two veteran quarter-milers negotiated the distance in fairly good time, and can be counted upon to run much better when pitted against a rival school.

Campazzi displayed great speed when running the straight stretch of track but failed miserably in taking the turns, and the Hilltop coaches feel certain that if they can teach the New York boy how to take these curves without breaking his stride, they will have developed a man capable of defeating the best quarter-milers of this section. Campazzi has been training on the curves ever since the trial, and because of marked improvement is likely to be selected for the team next Saturday.

Mulligan, because of his greater experience at indoor racing, must be considered before selecting the man for the Johns Hopkins meet, but he has hardly the speed to defeat Campazzi, despite this big asset and is apt to be taken along as a substitute only.

Coach Gish is keeping the men working hard to get them in condition for the Johns Hopkins meet, where he hopes to carry off the college trophy. He is demanding a lot of pepper in starts and in the taking of the laps, and the squad is giving him the best they have in the way of speed.

Captain Carrigan will indulge in only the mildest kind of work-outs this week, as he has been doing too much lately. The quarter-mile that he ran in Boston on Saturday was hard on the Hilltop leader, and a rest will do him worlds of good. He should place in the sprints in Baltimore if he rounds into form.

Ed Devlin looks good to win a point or two in the distance events Saturday, as in recent work-outs he has been taking his laps in excellent style, finishing up with a sprint that should carry him over the line ahead of many of his Southern opponents in the coming meet.

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Gibbons Easy Winner Over Hicks in Gotham

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—Mike Gibbons was unable to knock out Freddie Hicks

OUTLAW LEAGUE TO PLAY ITS GAMES AT CAPITAL CITY PARK

Expects Good Season and Fast Team Fighting Nationals.

Washington's United States League team will play at Capital City Park, North Capitol and L streets, next summer, according to President Hugh McKinnon. "I have an option on the grounds, and will close with the owners as soon as I return from the league meeting in Cleveland," said McKinnon yesterday. "The park is fully big enough, being 286 by 100 feet, and needs only a more up-to-date stand. This will be erected at once, and should be completed in time for our league's opening. The United States League will be a go, take it from me. We shall adopt a playing schedule to commence May 1, expect to have some conflicting dates with the American Leagues here, but they will be as few as possible. Our schedule committee will study the big league schedules closely in the hopes of having as few conflicting dates as we can."

No manager or players have as yet been signed up by the local mogul. He seems assured, however, that once the league is under way he will have no difficulty in getting plenty of good men for the team in this city.

Receives Applications. "I have received application from a number of good players," says McKinnon, "seeking the position of manager, and shall make known my choice on my return from Cleveland. The team will be composed almost wholly of youngsters, but in a couple of years we shall be fighting the majors in fine style."

"Players in the Tri-State and Connecticut Leagues are in a very much disgruntled condition, everything going to the bad and no support coming from the powers that be in organized baseball about the losses when a number of these players, who seem fully satisfied to take a chance with us. I expect no difficulty in gathering a good team, certainly as good as the American League team here. From all viewpoints I am content with the situation. I have the best town in the United States circuit from a conflicting end, for the American League team here is one of the weakest in the country."

Meet Tomorrow. The meeting of the United States League will be held in Cleveland tomorrow, when it is thought complete plans will be announced. Charlie White, well-known boxing referee and outlaw magnate in New York, has yet to find a park, and it may be necessary for him to play all his games away from the metropolis until he succeeds in finding a good one. He is looking over a number in the Bronx.

In Cleveland the outlaws considered Luna Park, a spacious field, but grew about the losses when informed that the rent would be \$20,000 a year. This was a bit too much for them, and now they are still on the hunt for a suitable park.

Charlie Gardner Meets Young Sailor Tonight

Charlie Gardner, the local boxer, faces Young Sailor at the Virginia Athletic Club tonight in Richmond, Va. They will box six rounds to a decision.

BOB THAYER'S Sporting Gossip

"Every Knock Is a Boost."

Mackey's forfeit is up.

Clark Griffith's idea of leveling the pitcher's box has caught on with the rules committee. John M. Ward declared that he and Tommy Connolly agreed upon the idea. There is nothing to warrant the high position of the box and the batsmen will welcome the change. Twirlers already have enough advantage over the men at the plate.

Hoppe draws the real ones.

It is pretty hard to see what Griffith would hope to gain by letting John Henry go to the Browns in exchange for "Lefty" George. True, Washington needs a left-handed pitcher, but then George is a veteran, while Henry is just starting on a career which holds unlimited promise.

Outlaws have a park?

It looks like Charlie Murphy has a pretty good kick coming on the assignment of conflicting dates in the National League. There are five of these, all in Chicago, and Murphy has reason to believe that when the Cubs and Sox are both at home at the same time, Comiskey's crew will probably draw better than the National Leaguers.

Henry for George? Bad!

High McKinnon is acting wisely in bringing that outlaw club of his nearer the center of the city. There is quite a baseball population in the vicinity of North Capitol and L streets, and if the outlaws have a chance at all, it will be increased by the new location.

M. McVea to battle again.

If veteran material counts for anything, Charles Courtney should once more sweep the Hudson with that variety eight of his. When practice was started in the Cornell rowing room yesterday every man from last year's shell reported to the coach.

Ted Sullivan at outlaw? Nix!

Unprecedented success in youth is usually calculated to cause an enlargement of the head, especially in sports, but in Willie Hoppe billiards has a champion who would be a credit to any profession. The quiet, unassuming personality of the title holder is impressed on one after even a few minutes' conversation with the one whose record has never before been approached by one so young.

Gus Ruhlin is gone.

The longer Jack Johnson waits, the greater the disgust of the boxing fans all over the land. They fail to see where he gets the right to demand \$20,000 for his appearance, and soon the demand will go up that he defend his title or forfeit the crown. Right now Sam McVea and Sam Langford are anxious to meet him.

Schedule is out tomorrow.

John Klions wrote me today asking that a challenge be published to Joe Turner. Klions is a Chicago light-heavyweight, and is now in New England giving a series of exhibitions. He is found this way, and is particularly anxious to meet Turner.

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In the ice-filled Delaware river. The boys left their homes about noon yesterday and soon afterward told companions they were going to cross the river where the ice appeared to be solid above Lardners point.

When they failed to return home their parents became alarmed. Investigation disclosed that the boys had swum the river, and that they were now in the Delaware river, but up until this morning they had been unable to find any trace of the lads.

Girl Enters College For Farming Course

COLUMBIA, Mo., Feb. 13.—Miss Pearl Chandler, twenty years old, daughter of a wealthy farmer of Boone county, began study today at the University of Missouri College of Agriculture here to learn how to manage her 150-acre farm and make it a paying proposition. She is the first young woman to enter the farm management class at the university.

"I am going to feed cattle," said Miss Chandler, "and when I make my first shipment to St. Louis I am going to ride there on horseback to see them sold at the market."

Suffragette Adherent Goes Mad in Prison

LONDON, Feb. 13.—The militant suffragettes became very much agitated today on learning that William Ball, one of their adherents, who was sentenced to two months' imprisonment for window smashing during the suffragette riot in December, had gone insane while in prison and had been sent to an asylum.

Ball followed the tactics of the suffragettes and refused to eat, and the prison authorities fed him forcibly. His wife ascribes his insanity to this treatment. The suffragettes demand an inquiry into the case.

Battle With Axes.

BRADFORD, Pa., Feb. 13.—In a quarrel over the ownership of a 10-cent bottle of beer at N. 10th, four men were wounded in a serious fight. All concerned were word chapters, and wielded axes as weapons.

Listen Here, You Fans, And Hear How Many Players Make Living

How many baseball players, do you suppose, perform in the teams of organized circuits? Well, now that you give it up, listen to the remark that Secretary Farrell, in his report of the minor leagues, says that he handled a little more than 10,000 contracts last season. Allow thirty men to each big league club, and you have 480 more. In other words, kind people, organized baseball provides food and lodging and an occasional trip to the country or the beach for almost 11,000 athletes.

VINCENT CAMPBELL HOLDING OUT FOR SALARY INCREASE

Wants \$3,500 From Pittsburgh Club Before Joining Team.

Vincent Campbell, the Pittsburgh Pirates' crack utility man, is holding out for a salary of \$3,500 and threatens to take a chance with one of the outlaw leagues if Barney Dreyfuss doesn't come across with the money. It is said that Campbell's present contract calls for \$2,250, and that the hard-hitting lad believes he's worth a lot more than that.

Campbell and the club are at loggerheads. He is working in Pittsburgh, but has had no communication with Dreyfuss for two weeks, tending to his own knitting and gazing longingly at a blank contract tendered him by the Pittsburgh representative of the United States League. He is waiting hopefully for Barney Dreyfuss to see the light.

Tremont Athletic Club Is in Baltimore Meet

The Tremont Athletic Club is among the Washington entries in the big Johns Hopkins-Fifth Regiment games that will be run in Baltimore, Saturday night. Tremonts will be seen in a relay against the Baltimore Cross Country Club, and another relay has been tentatively arranged.

All of the well-known colleges and preparatory schools in the East have entries in Saturday's games, and many interesting contests are assured. Among the present entries are: Carlisle Indians, University of Pennsylvania, Washington College, Maryland Agricultural College, Delaware College, St. John's College, St. James' College, and St. Paul's Boys' School.

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four slayers of Fred Guenzlow, the young truck gardener who was murdered on a lonely road near Brownsville October 29 last, they will be hanged in the Cook county jail here Friday of this week.

The four condemned youths, no one of whom is of age, are Ewald and Frank Shilawski, A. Philip Sommerling, and Thomas Schultz. Two of their accomplices, Frank Kita and Leo Suchomski, both sixteen years old, are serving life sentences in prison.

Guenzlow was driving a wagon full of garden produce when the six boys set on him. He alighted from his wagon and was struck down with a club. He pleaded for his life on his knees, because he had a wife and three month old at home, but the answer of the youths was to beat him into unconsciousness. Then he was stabbed four times. The boys were arrested while trying to sell some of the booty. All confessed to the crime.

His action followed the hold-up of Mrs. Barnett Matman in her husband's store on the lower East Side last night, when she was beaten unconscious and watches and jewelry valued at \$10,000 stolen. The same crowd is believed to have held up a jeweler in the Bronx and another on Clinton street Friday and Saturday.

In each case the jeweler was brutally beaten with the butt end of automatic

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